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5. [redacted] the tank on the west side of the river just north of Kamenka (N 65-53, E 44-06) was old and condemned. At any rate, the tank was very rusty. Sawmill No. 49 was not in use.
6. The two passenger vessels which go to Mezen are steam-driven. One is a modern vessel of approximately 1,600 to 1,700 tons. The other one is older and somewhat smaller, probably 1,400 tons. It is said that they go to Arkhangelsk. They call at Mezen twice a week or oftener; they do not dock but anchor in the river above Kamenka. The ships always carry a great deal of piecegoods

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and many passengers, both civilian and military.

7. [redacted] there was a merchant vessel at anchor outside Tolstik Head one day. [redacted] it 50X1-HUM had lumber on deck. [redacted] it was too large to go up to Mezen. Some smaller lighters brought lumber down to this ship. A small lighter of about 200 tons made two or three trips between this vessel and the dock [redacted] At the dock the lighter took on 10 to 20 50X1-HUM passenger cars of unknown manufacture and some lumber saws [redacted] 50X1-HUM The lumber saws were marked "Timber Wolf".
8. There were four or five small tugs in the port which were fired with wood. 50X1-HUM Large seagoing tugs were often observed in Mezen. Between Akulov Point and the Chetsa River there were often fishing vessels at anchor. The vessels were 60 to 70 feet long but did not appear to have trawling equipment. They traveled at a very good speed. [redacted] observed five to six of these vessels in this position at one time. [redacted] no [redacted] dock space in the area, but there was a group of buildings on the west bank of the river. 50X1-HUM
9. [redacted]
10. The aircraft that landed at Mezen appeared to be slow transports. They often came from the northeast. 50X1-HUM
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